

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 24, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 27 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 25-27 have been added and do not present new issues or new matter. Accordingly, claims 1-27 are pending following entry of this response. Claims 1 - 24 are rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, and 18-24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over *Vajk et al.* (US 5,265,033) in view of *Maddalozzo, Jr. et al.* (US 6,178,460). Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vajk et al.* and *Maddalozzo, Jr. et al.* and further in view of *Doyle* (US 6,356,886).

Applicant traverses the rejections on the basis of common ownership as set forth in 35 USC § 103 (c). Specifically, Applicants assert common ownership of United States Patent Application 6,178,460 (*Maddalozzo, Jr. et al.*) and the present application at the time of the present invention. Accordingly, *Maddalozzo, Jr. et al.* may not be relied upon as a basis for rejection under 35 USC § 103 (a). A Statement of Common Ownership asserting the common ownership of United States Patent Application 6,178,460 (*Maddalozzo, Jr. et al.*) and the present application at the time of the present invention is filed herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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